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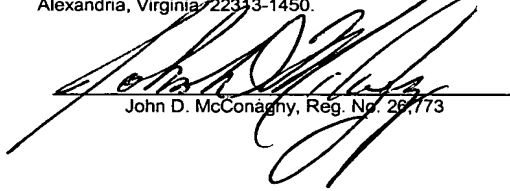
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicants wish to bring to the attention of the Patent Office the following
U.S. patents, U.S. patent application, patent publications, and three scientific articles:

- a) U.S. Patent No. 5,492,741 to Akao et al.
- b) U.S. Patent No. 3,843,591 to Hedrick et al.
- c) U.S. patent application Serial No. 09/322,211, filed May 23, 1999, now abandoned.
- d) U.S. Pat. Publication 2002/0198121, by Normane Nitzsche.
- e) U.S. Pat. Publication 2003/0069342, by Jess. R. Booth et al.
- f) International Application No. PCT/US00/14268, Publication No. WO 00/73370, now abandoned.

g) Database WPI, Section Ch, Week 198601, Derwent Publications Ltd., London, GB; Class A60, AN 1986-004356, XP002147528 & JP 60 231729A (Asahi Chem Ind Co Ltd), 18 November 1985 (1985-11-18) abstract (Cited in WO 00/73370.)

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i) DD 292 007 A (Oberspree Kabelwerke Veb K) 18 July 1991 (1991-07-18) examples 1, 2 (Cited in WO 00/73370.) Derwent abstract attached.

j) K. Lakdawala and R. Salovey, "Rheology of Polymers Containing Carbon Black", Polymer Engineering and Science, vol. 27, No. 14, 1035-1042 (1987).

k) K. Lakdawala and R. Salovey, "Rheology of Copolymers Containing Carbon Black", Polymer Engineering and Science, vol. 27, No. 14, 1043-1049 (1987).

l) L. Nuel and M.M. Denn, "Effect of Processing and Particulate Fillers on the Rheology of a Nematic Polymer Melt", Rheologica Acta 30, 65-70 (1991).

Applicants include Form PTO-1449 identifying all of the foregoing referenced information. Copies of the above-identified U.S. patent application Serial No. 09/322,211 (now abandoned), foreign application, foreign patent publications and scientific articles are submitted pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.98. Copies of the U.S. patents and patent publications are not provided in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.98(d)(1).

The relevance of foreign language documents is their citation in WO/73370, a prior WIPO application (now abandoned) by one of the present inventors.

Applicants also inform the Patent Office that preparations of naturally occurring aluminosilicate with amorphous contents of less than about 93% by weight were sold prior to August 19, 2001. The preparations were sold for use only with thermoplastic polymers.

No fee is believed due as this statement is being submitted before the mailing of a first Office action on the merits. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized during prosecution of this application and any related appeal, to charge any fees that may be required (except for patent issue fees required under 37 CFR 1.18) or to credit any overpayment of fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0337.

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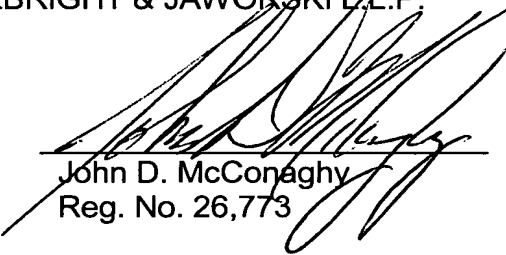
All applicable presumptions and reservations afforded by 37 CFR 1.56 et seq. regarding disclosure are incorporated herein by reference.

Respectfully submitted,

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